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## Reagan says people are plan's backbone

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan, opening a counter-attack on critics of his economic recovery program, said today he is convinced the American people will support his package of tax and spending cuts.

"We believe that the main source of strength in this country is going to be the people themselves," the president — who announced his plan in a speech to Congress Wednesday night — told 125 newspaper editors at breakfast today.

"We believe also that they are ready to support a great change," Reagan's "new beginning" program calls for a hard right turn in the direction of the federal government and provides up to \$41.4 billion in spending reductions and decisive tax cuts for individuals and business.

Based on the criticism he has heard so far, Reagan said he expects efforts to cripple the program by defeating or altering the tax portion of his program.

"I almost sense that one of their (spending) cuts at all but to see if they can't wipe out the tax part of the program," the president said.

Reagan, along with Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and Budget Director David Stockman, met with the editors before departing for California and a four-day rest at his ranch near Santa Barbara.

Before heading to a Capitol Hill hearing to begin selling the president's plan, Treasury chief Regan likened the moment to the "kickoff of a football game or the first inning of a baseball game."

Reagan detailed his program, entitled "America's New Beginning: A Program for Economic Recovery," Wednesday night. The budget and tax cut package has been hailed as the most innovative proposal since Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal in the depths of the Great Depression.

"If we do not act forcefully, and now, the economy will get worse," Reagan warned.

"The people are watching and waiting," he told the Congress that must enact his proposals. "They don't demand miracles, but they do expect us to act."

And Reagan said to applause, "There is nothing wrong with America that we together can't fix."

If enacted, the program would abruptly slow the growth of federal spending from its recent 16 percent rate to 6 percent. It would slow but not reverse the rise in taxes that since 1980 has doubled the percentage of income individuals pay the federal government.

It would make the first broad effort to check the growth in social programs since the New Deal, cutting among other things public service jobs, food stamps, Medicaid, child



President Ronald Reagan delivers his economic message Wednesday before a joint session of Congress. (UPI photo)

nutrition, extended unemployment benefits, trade adjustment assistance and student aid.

It would — as previous presidents have tried — attempt to reduce and untangle the federal regulatory machinery.

It would consolidate nearly 100 specific-purpose federal grant programs, giving the money instead in block grants to states to use flexibly for education, health and social programs.

It would reduce federal subsidies for synthetic fuel development, the Export-Import Bank, the Postal Service and dairy farmers and stretch out funds for highways, airports, sewage treatment plants and water projects.

Business groups such as the National Association of Manufacturers and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce quickly endorsed Reagan's program, even though it would cut some business subsidies.

AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland called an emergency meeting of his organization's economic policy committee for today to issue a formal reaction.

Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd, D-W. Va., said Democrats would support a tax cut, but not the 10 percent per year across-the-board version Reagan wants.

"We feel it is an inflationary tax cut," Byrd said. "We don't think it is equitable and fair across the board. It favors the rich."

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said there are major budget cuts he can and will support, "But I am not prepared to see the social progress of a generation swept aside in a few short weeks."

Most Republicans embraced the proposal.

"As a matter of fact, I would be willing to support more expenditure cuts than he is asking for," said Senate Banking Committee Chair-

man Jake Garn, R-Utah.

The program had four main components:

—Spending cuts totaling \$41.4 billion in fiscal 1982, which begins Oct. 1. In addition, Reagan proposed \$2 billion savings by making barge operators, airlines and others pay for federal facilities they use, and \$5.7 billion in additional savings — for "total savings" of \$46.1 billion.

—Individual tax cuts totaling roughly 30 percent over three years beginning July 1. The tax bill of a typical family of four with a \$25,000 income would drop by \$899 by 1984. Business would get tax cuts retroactive to Jan. 1 in the form of faster write-offs for depreciation.

—Reduction of "unnecessarily stringent" and "intrusive" regulations the administration said will require Americans to spend 1.2 billion hours filling out forms this year. "Fewer regulations will necessarily result in fewer regulations and less harassment of the regulated," the budget document said.

—An appeal to the Federal Reserve Board to curb the growth of money in half by 1986 to curb inflation. Reagan said the administration will consult frequently with the Fed, while recognizing its independence.

Individual tax cuts in the package would total \$44.2 billion in 1982, business tax cuts \$9.7 billion.

All of this would add up to a 1982 budget deficit of \$45 billion, compared to \$27.5 billion projected by President Carter for 1982. Stockman told reporters Carter's figure was based on unrealistic economic assumptions and really would have been more than \$50 billion.

The only major increase in the program was a \$7.2 billion addition to defense spending.

Reagan put the goal of balancing the budget off until 1984.

Administration officials said if their proposals are enacted promptly and fully, the program would reduce inflation from an estimated 10 percent this year to 4 percent by 1985, and create by that year 13 million jobs — 3 million more, they said, than present policies would create.

But they warned if the program is adopted "piecemeal" — if Congress enacts only the "politically palatable" sections — the result will be no better than past economic policies.

The budget package would preserve a "social safety net" of established programs — Social Security retirement, basic unemployment benefits, cash payments for dependent families, the elderly and disabled, and veterans benefits.

## Ash brings baby boom

SPOKANE, Wash. (UPI) — They're calling them "ash babies," and some hospitals in the Northwest are having trouble finding room for all of the expectant moms.

It just so happens Wednesday marked the nine-month anniversary of the massive May 18, 1980, eruption of Mount St. Helens.

When the mountain blew its top that sunny morning, it covered parts of three states with volcanic ash, so much so, in some places, people virtually were "ash-bound" for days, unable to get out of their homes.

Now people are starting to talk about the eruption again, but for a different reason.

"I remember we were commenting to each other after the ash fell we would have to keep track of the period nine months later," said Joe Morris, administrator of Kootenai Memorial Hospital in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

"At the current rate, we'll be up to 107 babies — our biggest month ever — and it would be a February with only 28 days," said Morris.

Nurses in the hospital's maternity ward began noticing an increasing number of births last week, and it became apparent something was up when 19 babies were delivered the same day.

## Panel proposes 18-cent postage

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The independent Postal Rate Commission today endorsed boosting the cost of mailing a first class letter to 18 cents — two cents less than the 20-cent stamp sought by the Postal Service.

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Commission Chairman A. Lee Fritschler told a Senate subcommittee hearing the rate-making panel cut \$1 billion from the \$3.75 billion rate increase sought by the Postal Service. The Postal Service maintained the boost is necessary to keep up with inflation.

The independent panel took its stand after 10 months of hearings. Its recommendation now goes to the Postal Service's board of governors which may accept it and put it into practice, or send it back for further action.

The Postal Service had no immediate comment on the commission's recommendation, although Postmaster General William F. Bolger has said the 20-cent first class rate was the minimum the agency needed.

He warned last week the public could face greater rate hikes as early

## Good skates help MD

MANCHESTER — Eight thousand dollars worth of contributions were rolled up through the night by skaters who wanted to do something to combat muscular dystrophy.

They came in droves, 800-900 strong to Skate Fantasy on Broad Street to have a good time and fulfill pledges. They skated from 6:30 last night to 7 this morning.

Most of them were young and most of them were roller skating enthusiasts. But there were about 100 or 150 adults included and, according to Frank Nicotera, part-

owner of Skate Fantasy, there were some faces that were unfamiliar and some feet that were unaccustomed to skates.

Some brought cash with them. About half the \$8,000 came that way and the rest, pledged, will be collected in the next week or so. Then the prizes will go to the big earners.

In any event the affair was pronounced a success and the management wants to try it again sometime, maybe on Labor Day.

## Park garage sale hinges on zone change

By MARY KITZMANN  
Herald Reporter

MANCHESTER — Spectres of the abandoned Buckland School sale could shadow Multi-Circuits bid to acquire the Harrison Street town garage.

Like developer Richard Hayes who offered to purchase the former school, Multi-Circuits would not be interested in the garage unless guaranteed a zone change. Most of the garage parcel is zone Residential A; the electronics firm wants it for parking. This would require a rezoning to industrial or off-street parking, a Planning and Zoning spokeswoman said.

"We would not buy on speculation that we may not get the zone change," William Stevenson, MC

controller, said. "We have to have some assurance the zone change would be made. We have to know we would be able to park there or we would not buy."

Hayes abandoned his nine-month attempt to purchase the two acres parcel of Buckland School after meeting resistance to his demands. Hayes, through his attorneys, wanted a zone change for office use guaranteed or the price lowered.

The Board of Directors coolly received Hayes' request as the price had been set as the average of two appraisals, \$222,000. Some reluctance to seeking the zone change just before the documents were signed also surfaced, but Mayor Stephen Penny said he would have been prepared to apply. There was also a dispute on what zoning was used to determine price.

As for Multi-Circuits' similar rezoning request, Penny said he would again be prepared to apply for the zone change. It could increase the garage parcel's value, he noted.

Penny suggested the zone change would have to be compatible for the area, possibly a business or industrial zone.

The board would have to apply for the zone change to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The commission, after a public hearing, could approve or deny the request.

While the rezoning requests are similar there are differences between the two sales of public land. Hayes raised the zoning or price question after the board decided to sell him the school parcel. After four months of controversy, no decision has been reached on selling the town garage.

It has been referred to a study committee to evaluate the town's garages needs, and the resident's objections are being studied by the Board of Directors.

If deciding to sell the garage, the board could then request the zone change before negotiating price, avoiding the Buckland School stumbling block.

Besides the rezoning request, another parallel between the sale could be a squabble over how to conduct the sale.

The board, over the strong objections of Democrat Barbara Weinberg, and with accusations of partiality from the residents, decided to sell the school outright to Hayes. The town charter mandates competitive bidding, absent the showing some special condition.

The special condition in the Buckland sale was a stipulation the buyer replace the recreation space. In the Harrison Street garage, the special condition would be Multi-Circuits is an abutting land owner, and its offer to replace the existing garage.

The issues are the same in both sales," Penny comments today. "There are special conditions involved in each sale."

However, Republican Minority Leader William Dianna said, if the board decides to sell the school, he would push for competitive bidding. Dianna prefers an auction to bid openings.

"We might as well receive the highest price we can (if deciding to sell the garage)," he said.

Dianna leaves the possibility that

another firm could purchase the property at a public auction.

There have been tentative estimations on price for the Harrison Street garage. Stevenson estimates MC would offer up to about \$250,000 to \$275,000 for the property. "I'm not so sure we would negotiate upwards," he commented.

Multi-Circuits had the property appraised, receiving a \$180,000 estimate, using the zone change for parking as a base. His tentative offer is based on the cost of constructing a new garage for the town, plus \$50,000, as MC originally proposed.

However, as Penny noted, price, zoning, and manner of sale are all set after the key decision to sell is made. "And we've encountered enough difficulties just trying to decide that," he said.

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### He'll go to the top

Tax rebel Irwin Schiff says he'll ask the White House for help if he's forced to start a year's prison term Friday for failing to file federal income tax returns. Page 2.

### In sports

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### Crash kills 10

A commuter bus switching lanes on I-95 in Quantico, Va., drove off a bridge and plunged into a creek, killing 10 people and injuring almost 30 others. Page 11.

### Outside today

Becoming foggy tonight with occasional rain and drizzle before midnight and continuing through Friday. Chance of showers Saturday. Fair Sunday. Details are on Page 2.

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# Bolton Board of Finance tables funds for roof architect

BOLTON - The Board of Finance tabled a \$5,000 appropriation request by the Public Building Commission Tuesday night. The request, which was approved by selectmen Feb. 2, asked for the money to hire an architect who would initiate procedures for replacement of the roof on the Center School building on North Road.

# Approved transfer will repower truck

BOLTON - The Board of Finance approved a budget transfer of \$15,500 that was requested by the Board of Selectmen for the purchasing of a new diesel engine for a town truck. The truck, which was purchased in 1974, was due to be replaced in 1980 by a diesel tandem dumper. Its engine, a gasoline engine, broke a crankshaft which warrants either rebuilding or replacement.

# DOT asks for I-84 data from plan commission

BOLTON - The Planning Commission received a request from the state Department of Transportation for the forwarding of information pertinent to plans to continue the construction of Interstate I-84 through Bolton.

# Coventry Town asks membership in area health service

COVENTRY - The town council approved a motion for the town to apply for membership in the Community Health Service Corp. of Columbia-Helton-Andover-Marlborough.

# Council OKs damage claim

COVENTRY - The Town Council approved a transfer from the contingency fund to the dog damage account of \$45 in order to cover a claim by Dudley Brand of South Street.

# Professor to speak

STORRS - A noted Italian specialist on cellular and molecular neuro-biology will speak Friday at the University of Connecticut.

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The setting sun silhouettes seagulls as they fly over pier along the coast at Hull, Mass. Temperatures have reached the high 50s and low 60s during the past few days throughout the New England area. (UPI photo)

# Vernon Police cruiser question gives car purchasing tips

VERNON - The Connecticut Chiefs of Police Association has issued a list of questions and answers concerning police vehicles. Vernon has just gone through a session of having to buy a new car to replace one that was in an accident and the question of compact vs. larger vehicle arose.

# Many interested in courses

VERNON - Stanley Pullen, director of the Rockville High Vo-Ag Center said as a result of items appearing in newspapers concerning the hiring of a teacher to implement an adult education program in agriculture, he has received many inquiries.

# Andover Munson withdraws as clerk candidate

ANDOVER - Republican incumbent Ruth Munson announced that she is withdrawing as candidate for the office of town clerk.

# Demonstration set on new food uses

VERNON - The Cooperative Extension Service will sponsor a food demonstration of soy products and exotic produce, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Tolland County Agricultural Center, Route 30.

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# East Hartford Town seeking responses

EAST HARTFORD - If you're one of the 1,428 local residents who finish a questionnaire in your mailbox soon, John P. Bohenko Jr., the mayor's administrative assistant, wants to assure you that the town is not just being nosy.

The questionnaire, he is a way for town residents to tell officials what they want from their government. Bohenko said the questionnaires, to be sent today to 1,428 randomly selected citizens, is designed to measure citizen satisfaction with past and present municipal services and to help set future priorities.

# Man to appear in court on two assault charges

EAST HARTFORD - Police arrested a local man Tuesday afternoon on charges of sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor. The incident involved a five-year-old girl and her two-and-a-half year old sister.

# South Windsor Solons vote road funds

SOUTH WINDSOR - State Rep. John Woodcock, D-South Windsor, has announced that the Joint Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee has approved his bill concerning the "proposed connector road" for public hearing purposes.

# Senior hunters form club

SOUTH WINDSOR - Men from the South Windsor area who are 60 or older, who are interested in hunting, fishing or trapping, are invited to join a newly formed organization of outdoorsmen.

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Hidden behind a screen to protect his identity, a self-described "bagman" for a mafia lieutenant is sworn in by Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., before the Governmental Affairs subcommittee on investigations Wednesday. The man was to testify on details of life on the Miami waterfront. (UPI photo)

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# New bill would simplify rental contracts

**HARTFORD (UPI)**—A legislative committee has asked for support for legislation that would simplify rental contracts to some apartment hunters by taking part of the uncertainty out of their search when dealing with apartment listing services.

## Legislators concentrate on housing

**HARTFORD (UPI)**—Lawmakers have been urged to approve proposals aimed at meeting Connecticut's most pressing housing needs and boosting deteriorating housing stock.

The bill, aired Wednesday at a public hearing of the Legislature's General Law Committee, would require contracts to spell out the services a prospective tenant could expect to receive for his money. The bill was prompted by growing complaints from prospective tenants who contend the apartment hunters do little for the money they are paid. Complainants said they paid a usual fee of \$60 only to find some of the listing agencies do no more than call newspapers for apartments already listed for rent.

A number of listing services across the state have gone out of business after only several months of operation, leaving their clients without apartments and without any chance of getting refunds.

Another provision of the bill would require the listing service to update the availability of apartments every 24 hours. Though the proposal generally received support, one speaker warned a provision of the bill appeared to be unconstitutional and could hurt the good intention of the measure. The bill would require any person offering a listing service to be licensed as a real estate broker. Real estate salesman Frank Smith of

Hartford testified the provision could be construed to require newspapers to be licensed since they carry advertisements providing listing services. Rep. Julia Belaga, R-Westport, stated in an urgent note to committee members in Fairfield County are "held to the wall" by some apartment listing services and have "no protection whatsoever from unscrupulous business practices."

Robert G. Dorr, director of Consumer Protection Service, a community action agency in Waterbury, said he counted seven listing agencies in his area that operated an average of four months before going out of business.

He said his agency counted from 150-200 complaints regarding apartment listing agencies. Jeff Kuntzman of Rental Locators of Hartford, who said his agency has received no complaints, opposed the bill, but agreed with the concept of the legislation. He said persons in the business should not have to be licensed as real estate brokers because they do not sell property.

"It's like requiring a nurse to be an M.D.," said Kuntzman, who has operated the Hartford service since January 1980. He said the requirement to update listings every 24 hours would be "burdensome and necessitate something like 2,000 phone calls a day" in his business. He suggested an updating cycle of every seven days.

# Latest transport budget relies on train fare hikes

**HARTFORD (UPI)**—The Transportation Department's proposed budget for fiscal 1981-1982 relies on 60-cent fares for buses and a 25 percent increase for the New Haven Commuter Line by 25 percent.

Powers said 33 percent, or \$9.3 million of the proposed budget, was for utilities, fuel, telephones and gas. The department takes care of gas allocations for all state agencies except for state police.

"Our experience is that in time of tight budgets, gasoline usage billings are not the agencies' highest priority and we end up funding, out of our limited resources, the other agencies' delinquencies," he said. "When these delinquencies are carried over at the end of a fiscal year, the DOT, in essence, has had its appropriation reduced. In fiscal 1980, this amounted to \$280,000," Powers said.



Pope John Paul II waves to the crowd on Mactan-Mandaue Bridge as his motorcade passes over the bridge from the airport to Cebu City, Philippines. (UPI photo)



Philipino children with posters of Pope John Paul II and the image of the Santo Niño walk for Pope John Paul II along a street in Cebu, Philippines, where the Pope passed on a motorcade from the airport to Cebu City. (UPI photo)

## Strongest stand ever

# Pope vilifies abortion

**CEBU, Philippines (UPI)**—Pope John Paul II today delivered the strongest statement of his papacy on birth control, abortion and divorce, vowing the Roman Catholic Church will "never dilute or change" its teachings on the family.

The pontiff made his pronouncement in the central Philippines city of Cebu, known as the "cradle of Christianity" where the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan first introduced Christianity to the island archipelago in 1521.

John Paul got the most emotional reception of his tour so far, with staunchly Catholic rural Filipinos displaying greater enthusiasm for the pope than their more reserved counterparts in Manila.

An estimated 600,000 people lined the route of the pope's motorcade in a sea of yellow-and-white papal flags and another 600,000 people packed the provincial airport where John Paul celebrated an outdoor "family mass" under a blazing tropical sun. Cebu is 300 miles south of Manila.

More than 3 million Filipinos have turned out to see the "traveling pope," according to conservative church estimates, though some newspapers put the figure well over 5 million.

Although John Paul began his address in the local Cebuano language, delighting the crowd, he plunged right in to what Vatican experts called the clearest and most forthright message on birth control, abortion and divorce he has ever delivered.

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tatorship" and to demand an end to American military bases in their country. First lady Imelda Marcos, in a move that angered some church officials, barged in on the welcoming ceremony, making an unscheduled flight to the Philippines' second largest city in time to bask in the glow of a crowd estimated at 1 million people awaiting John Paul.

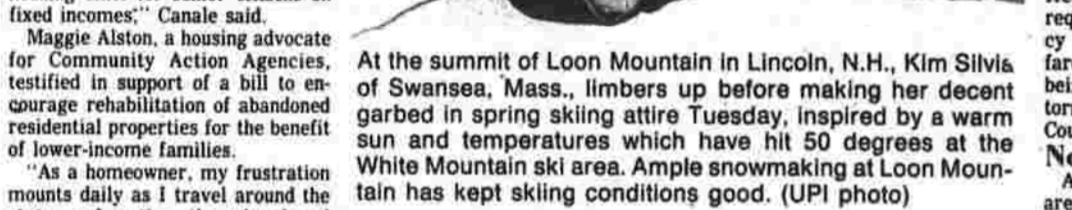
The pontiff was greeted by Mrs. Marcos, who wore her traditional butterfly-sleeved gown and carried a pink parasol. The pontiff then proceeded by motorcade through the impossibly congested streets. The procession required twice as much time as planned because the throngs virtually blocked off the route.

John Paul delivered the clearest and most forthright message on birth control and abortion he has ever delivered. John Paul hammered away at another of his favorite themes — the church's age-old doctrine of priestly celibacy.

"It is difficult to overestimate the profound witness to the faith that a priest gives through celibacy," the pope said. Earlier, some 3,000 students and workers marched from the University of the Philippines just outside Manila to the Quezon City Memorial Circle where the pope celebrated an outdoor "people's mass" before a million worshippers.

Carrying placards reading "Dismantle all U.S. Military Bases" and "Stop Military Atrocities," the students said they were protesting the "U.S. Marcos dictatorship." After the mass ended, police arrested four students.

A thousand workers also carried signs protesting a ban on strikes, but members of pro-government community brigades unfurled giant streamers during the mass to block them from the pope's view. A government TV commentator called the demonstrators "communist agents." Hints by the pope Wednesday that he would like to visit China drew a cool response in Peking today.



At the summit of Loon Mountain in Lincoln, N.H., Kim Silvia of Swansea, Mass., limbers up before making her descent garbed in spring skiing attire Tuesday, inspired by a warm sun and temperatures which have hit 50 degrees at the White Mountain ski area. Ample snowmaking at Loon Mountain has kept skiing conditions good. (UPI photo)

# State charges another in New Britain probe

**HARTFORD (UPI)**—A former alderman and unsuccessful mayoral candidate has become the 27th person charged in the state's ongoing probe of municipal corruption in New Britain.

Authorities said Alfred P. "Fritz" Cassella Sr. was accused Wednesday in a Superior Court warrant of lying to the first of two one-man grand juries that investigated the alleged sale of municipal promotions in New Britain.

He was the third person to be arrested in connection with the city scandal this week. Of the 27 people charged overall, 11 have pleaded guilty. The investigation's first trial ended with the conviction of another last year.

This week's arrests were the first in the investigation since May 28, 1980. Chief State's Attorney Austin J. McGuigan said more arrests were expected.

Assistant State's Attorney Glenn E. Coe said Cassella, 62, made a brief appearance in Hartford Superior Court and his case was continued.

Former New Britain Personnel Director Alfred Pettinelli, a key state witness, testified last September that he rigged a promotional test for Cassella's son, fire Lt. Alfred Cassella Jr. The younger Cassella has not been charged.

# Women criticize equality program

**HARTFORD (UPI)**—Lynn Taborsak kept a Human Rights Commission sign over her kitchen stove that read "Discrimination is illegal" during her seven-year fight to get a trade apprenticeship in a male-dominated field.

Mrs. Taborsak, 38, a mother of three, told Connecticut lawmakers Wednesday the motto should mean the state will provide equal education and job opportunities and "not get into a long-term fight to get a trade apprenticeship in a male-dominated field."

The Danbury resident had passed probation and earned a 94 grade in her first semester of apprenticeship to Carolyn, a woman who had not have to wait years and initiate legal proceedings for the same chance.

She was one of several women who spoke in favor of a bill which would provide more employment training and opportunities for women.

Rep. Sam Gajdoson, D-Conn., said Reagan's cut would cost Connecticut as much as 25 percent of its federal funds.

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# Delegates love, hate Reagan's plan

**HARTFORD (UPI)**—The state's congressional delegation has given President Reagan's economic program mixed reviews, some members loving it as the start of a new era and others warning the region should brace for hard times.

The favorable comments and less enthusiastic responses were mostly drawn along party lines, but all agreed Reagan had delivered what he promised.

Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., said Reagan was pushing government in the right direction, but might not have examined defense spending closely enough. "Any cuts in the budget should be right across the boards and that includes defense," he said.

# Women criticize equality program

**HARTFORD (UPI)**—Lynn Taborsak kept a Human Rights Commission sign over her kitchen stove that read "Discrimination is illegal" during her seven-year fight to get a trade apprenticeship in a male-dominated field.

Mrs. Taborsak, 38, a mother of three, told Connecticut lawmakers Wednesday the motto should mean the state will provide equal education and job opportunities and "not get into a long-term fight to get a trade apprenticeship in a male-dominated field."

The Danbury resident had passed probation and earned a 94 grade in her first semester of apprenticeship to Carolyn, a woman who had not have to wait years and initiate legal proceedings for the same chance.

She was one of several women who spoke in favor of a bill which would provide more employment training and opportunities for women.

Rep. Sam Gajdoson, D-Conn., said Reagan's cut would cost Connecticut as much as 25 percent of its federal funds.

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# States to weigh rail line takeover

**HARTFORD (UPI)**—Transportation commissioners from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey will meet next week to consider the possibility of taking over commuter rail service operated by Conrail if the area's line folds.

# State sells new bonds at high rate

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# Towntalk

For two and a half hours, the Manchester Board of Directors grilled the attorneys and discussed the sale of the Harrison Street town garage. Worned, and ready to go home, they zipped through the rest of the agenda, almost two pages, in record time.

The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce is departing from tradition

## Two plead guilty in kidnap case

NEW HAVEN (UPI) — Two Waterbury men have pleaded guilty to charges they engineered the abduction of two Middlebury men who were allegedly cheated out of profits from a cocaine ring.

**Schools must pay outside placements**

HARTFORD (UPI) — Connecticut school districts must cover all costs, including room and board, for handicapped students attending classes away from home, the U.S. Office of Civil Rights has ruled.



Jean Harris arrives at courthouse in White Plains, N.Y., Wednesday as the jury begins its second day of deliberation in deciding her fate in the shooting death of Dr. Herman Tarnower. (UPI photo)

This year by planning its annual dinner meeting on a Saturday night, rather than a week night. The event is planned April 4 at Piano's restaurant in Bolton.



Flanked by State Senator Thomas Van Meter, R-Ashland, Ohio, left, and Senate President Paul Gillmor, R-Port Clinton, Ohio, right, former president Richard Nixon

## Ohio GOP leaders shun Nixon fund-raising talk

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — Former President Richard M. Nixon — flanked by old chums from football and politics — emerged from political exile to address a GOP fundraiser, but the state's top Republicans made it a point to stay away.

## Obituaries

**Michael Tomasko** — Michael Tomasko, husband of Mrs. Mary (Shehan) Tomasko of 79 Elm St., died Tuesday in East Haddam.

**State students tops in language studies**

HARTFORD (UPI) — Connecticut ranks No. 1 in the nation for the number of its high school students — nearly 40 percent — studying foreign languages, a survey by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages shows.

## Police report thefts

MANCHESTER — Police today reported several burglaries, including the theft of an estimated \$700 in jewelry and radios from an Arcella Drive home.

**MHA talks about jobs**

MANCHESTER — The executive session of the Manchester Housing Authority Wednesday night involved discussions of employees and their job descriptions.

**Deadline set for youth jobs**

MANCHESTER — Manchester area persons between the ages of 14 and 21 who will be seeking summer work from the Employment Training Service should apply by Friday, March 20.

**Boy is critical**

**What's happening?**

## Eagle skaters sidelined by Windsor in CIAC play



Overcome with emotion, Gordie Howe wipes away tears while putting his arm around his wife during pre-game ceremonies last night at the Hartford Civic Center Coliseum when his No. 9

backboard," viewed Mannix. "Scott really didn't get beat by a clean shot all day. And (Windsor goalie Dennis) Bettex was just remarkable. I had my arms up on one shot I was so sure it was in."

**Joins Seattle**

SEATTLE (UPI) — Jackie Simpson, who served as defensive coordinator for the San Diego Chargers since 1974, has joined the Seattle Seahawks' coaching staff.



The puck skids away after faceoff between East Catholic's Greg White and Windsor's John Weiser. (16). East's blue-helmeted Kurt Peterson begins to give chase along with

Celts lose in last second on Ford hoop Page 14



Fisk rejects latest offer from Red Sox Page 15



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## Howe's No. 9 hangs high

By EARL YOST Sports Editor

Hockey's two greatest all-time players, Gordie Howe and Bobby Orr, were spotlighted on center ice at the Hartford Civic Center Coliseum last night as the former's famous No. 9 jersey was officially retired.

**Gretzky show gains spotlight**

NEW YORK (UPI) — The league's scoring leader, Wayne Gretzky, put on an exhibition Wednesday night that the St. Louis Blues will not soon forget.

**Yankees sign**

**Joins Seattle**

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Big earthquake inevitable in California

LOS ANGELES (UPI)— "The big one..." Most Californians know what that means. If they think about it at all, they usually joke about it, though sometimes with a wary grimace or a fatalistic shrug.



Philip S. Day Jr., director of the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Emergency Services, points to a map in his office, discussing the likelihood of a major earthquake in his area.

Seismologists say "the big one" will strike with the destructive force of a nuclear attack. (UPI photo)

But the federal money offer has since run out. "You get what you pay for," one federal disaster official commented. "Los Angeles spent the money and is better off for it."

The emergency plan: At stations with wooden doors, firemen have orders to run up the engines and try to crash through. Trenches will be used to burn through steel doors, which will delay fire trucks about half an hour, he said.

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Outbreak of meningitis puzzles doctors

ATLANTA (UPI) - Cases of meningococcal meningitis are on the upswing all across the country. Houston has been hit particularly hard with 20 cases since the first of the year. There have been three confirmed meningitis deaths in Houston and the disease is suspected as the cause of another death.

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